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13 November 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Request for AQUATONE Flights Over  
Satellite Areas

1. Attached to this memorandum are specific requirements to be met by AQUATONE flights if possible, as submitted by G-2 as further support in connection with General Schow's memorandum delivered to you on Wednesday, 7 November 1956.
2. For your information, at the time the attached was requested by my office it was the current plan in the Army that JCS support for these flights would be requested, and to that end G-2 had briefed General Taylor. Pending the outcome of your discussion with Colonel Goodpasture this afternoon, it is my understanding that the pitch to the JCS is postponed.
3. The targets marked in red on the attached map and listed by name and coordinate on the attached sheet of paper are, in the view of the Army, the priority targets, coverage of which would permit General Schow to answer to his superior with regard to alleged Russian troop movements in Satellite areas.
4. Of the targets marked in green and listed as Priority 2 in the attached sheet, the Army emphasizes particularly targets 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, and 17 as being of special relevance to the indications of ground forces movements and concentrations. It is, of course, true that certain of the targets in green might well be covered in the event that the strategic missions discussed last week with regard to KAPUSTIN YAR and the Urals would be covered incident to those missions if indeed they were to take place. However, it should be borne in mind that those missions were discussed as being strategic and in that event that film would be processed at EK rather than in the theatre and would thus be of less value for indications purposes at the moment.

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5. In sum, then, the Army is urgently requesting coverage of the first priority targets shown in red and a second priority interest in those in green at the eastern end of the Black Sea.

6. For your information, in regard to this exercise, neither the Air Force nor the Navy have submitted targets. In the event these Army targets were to be covered, the Air Force is in a position to suggest other targets in which they have an interest as a secondary matter, and the Navy is content to have such coverage of its previously submitted targets as possible. It is my understanding from G-2 that Admiral Frost, when consulted with regard to support of the G-2 proposal, indicated that he favored coverage of these targets. It is also my understanding from G-2 that General Lewis considered all except targets 1, 2, and 3 as involving risks that were not worth the coverage inasmuch as he apparently has doubts as to the capability of the photography to reveal the type of information called for in General Schow's memorandum.

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Project Director

Attachment

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